



Standard 7

Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce health risks.

Rationale: Research confirms that practicing health-enhancing behaviors can contribute to a positive quality of life. In addition, many diseases and injuries can be prevented by reducing harmful and risk-taking behaviors. This standard promotes the acceptance of personal responsibility for health and encourages the practice of healthy behaviors.

Performance Indicators*

Pre-K-Grade 2

- 7.2.1 Demonstrate healthy practices and behaviors to maintain or improve personal health.
- 7.2.2 Demonstrate behaviors that avoid or reduce health risks.

Grades 3-5

- 7.5.1 Identify responsible personal health behaviors.
- 7.5.2 Demonstrate a variety of healthy practices and behaviors to maintain or improve personal health.
- 7.5.3 Demonstrate a variety of behaviors to avoid or reduce health risks.

Grades 6-8

- 7.8.1 Explain the importance of assuming responsibility for personal health behaviors.
- 7.8.2 Demonstrate healthy practices and behaviors that will maintain or improve the health of self and others.
- 7.8.3 Demonstrate behaviors to avoid or reduce health risks to self and others.

Grades 9-12

- 7.12.1 Analyze the role of individual responsibility for enhancing health.
- 7.12.2 Demonstrate a variety of healthy practices and behaviors that will maintain or improve the health of self and others.
- 7.12.3 Demonstrate a variety of behaviors to avoid or reduce health risks to self and others.

* The performance indicators articulate specifically what students should *know or be able to do* in support of each standard by the conclusion of each of the following grade spans: Pre-K–Grade 2; Grade 3–Grade 5; Grade 6–Grade 8; and Grade 9–Grade 12. The performance indicators serve as a blueprint for organizing student assessment.

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